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1. 32 political officers of the Soviet Army in Hungary, up to the rank of colonel, were arrested [redacted] in Debrecen. Most of these officers are said to have been executed on the same day.

2. 10 other deputy political officers were ordered to leave Hungary and to proceed to Odessa. It is believed that they too have been executed.

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3. It was learned, that [redacted] high ranking Soviet officers, who were drunk in an officers' club in Hungary, tore down Stalin's portrait, but they did not bother Lenin's which was right next to it. On the next day Stalin's works, whose red covers had lettering in gold and Lenin's three last volumes of anecdotic letters and works were found in pieces in the same club.

4. After the disappearance of the political officers the hours of indoctrination and political debate were changed to "personal hours" or "hours of personal work of the soldiers and non-commissioned officers".

5. Printed anti-Communist matter circulates among the Soviet troops in Hungary.

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